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SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENTS IN OGADEN

REF: CAIRO 4998, CAIRO 4908 AND CAIRO 4984

1. IN RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT SADAT'S INQUIRY CONVEYED THROUGH VICE PRESIDENT MUBARAK, YOU SHOULD RESPOND THAT OUR POSITION WITH RESPECT TO THE SITUATION IN THE OGADEN REMAINS AS IT WAS OUTLINED BY PRESIDENT CARTER TO PRESIDENT SADAT DURING THEIR TALKS HERE AND AS DESCRIBED IN PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT GISCARD WHICH THE PRESIDENT SHOWED TO SADAT. THAT POSITION WAS ALSO OUTLINED BY SECRETARY VANCE, WHO INDICATED THAT ITS MAIN ELEMENTS WERE THAT THERE SHOULD BE SOMALI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE OGADEN, A REMOVAL OF THE SOVIETS AND CUBANS, AND A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION.

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2. YOU SHOULD ALSO SAY THAT WE ARE NOT CLEAR WHAT SPECIFICALLY SADAT'S QUERY REFERRED TO; IF HE COULD INDICATE MORE PRECISELY WHAT HE HAS IN MIND, WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEEK TO PROVIDE WHATEVER CLARIFICATIONS WE CAN.

3. MEANWHILE, CONCERNING THE DIPLOMATIC MOVES DISCUSSED

BY THE TWO PRESIDENTS FOR ADVANCING THE SITUATION IN DESIRED DIRECTIONS, WE FEEL THAT THE BEST TACTIC FOR THE MOMENT IS TO WORK THROUGH ALREADY EXISTING MECHANISMS RATHER THAN PUTTING NEW ONES INTO PLAY. WE ALSO FEEL THAT WE SHOULD NOT YET GIVE UP ENTIRELY ON THE OAU, BUT RATHER MAKE AN EFFORT TO GIVE ITS EFFORTS A BOOST. ACCORDINGLY, WE NOW HAVE IN TRAIN AN EFFORT TO HAVE THE ETHIO-SOMALI DISPUTE RAISED IN THE UN, HOPEFULLY, BY THE NIGERIANS OR GABONESE. WE WOULD HOPE TO HAVE THIS INITIATIVE RESULT IN A SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD SET FORTH CERTAIN PRINCIPLES RELATED TO AN OGADEN SETTLEMENT, INCLUDING WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES, BUT WHOSE MAIN THRUST WOULD BE TO PUT THE WEIGHT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY BEHIND THE OAU MEDIATION EFFORTS.

4. IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, THE PRESIDENT IS SENDING A SPECIAL EMISSARY TO ETHIOPIA TO RAISE THE LEVEL OF OUR DIALOGUE WITH THE ETHIOPIANS AND HOPEFULLY TO PERSUADE MENGISTU THAT OVERRELIANCE ON THE SOVIETS AND CUBANS LIMITS HIS FLEXIBILITY. VANCE

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